argument is said to hold good in the case of section superintendents. It would be understood that when the typist's scale of pay was proposed to be revised, it was argued that the typist's work is different from that of any other officer of the Government. They have got sedentery work to do and their case must be specially considered was the argument at the time. But in the case of the work superintendents, they have got executive work, and thereby they would be able to have more healthy field for work and surroundings than in the case of typists. This is only by way of additional information.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Ernakulam South).*—In view of the reply to the Council in 1110 I really did not expect that this resolution would be really opposed on financial grounds which is now argued as the reason for negativing this resolution. That cannot really be the basis for the present, at any rate, because if we are to keep 20 years in our mind, it does not come to Rs. 400. The amount of increment may be conveniently allocated and cutting down the figure to Rs. 1—8—0, the recurring charges for the next 10 years will not be so very prohibitive. I do not for a moment think that it is really a vital ground to be put forward against this resolution. I therefore decide to put the resolution to the vote of the House.

Resolution was put and lost.

2. Provisions to be made in the Staff Selection Board Rules.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—*"This Council recommends to the Government that the Application form issued by the Staff Selection Board and the instructions appended to the said form be so amended as to protect the interests of (1) thrown out acting hands who entered the State service first before the age of 25 (2) applicants who applied on prior occasions for posts before the completion of the age of 25 and whose names are in the waiting list kept in the various departments of the State and (3) specialists seeking appointments in such of the departments of the State as require their service even thouyh they are above the age of 25."*

Sir, at the time I tabled this resolution, Government order published on page 255 of the Gazette, dated 25th Kanni was not passed. The Proceedings published state 'Standing Order No. 7 already contained provision to exempt candidates who have held acting or temporary appointments in the service before they attain the age of 25. There is no intention to abrogate

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this provision. In the case of such candidates, no specific prayer for exemption is necessary.' I am really thankful to the Government for passing such an order. In the light of this order, the first clause of my resolution need not be considered. I withdraw that portion. I proceed with the other two clauses of my resolution. In the proceedings that I referred to, there is some attempt made to meet the grievances of the people who are on the waiting list. It is this:—"Exemptions from age bar will not ordinarily be granted, but where other things being equal, a particular community has to be passed over for want of a candidate within the age limit, the Board will make suitable recommendations to Government for exemption in the case of qualified candidates." In the case of communities who are advanced in education like the Tamil Brahmins, Nayars, and the Syrian Christians this provision is not likely to help. After all, by accepting my resolution, nobody is going to lose anything. Since posts are now given by rotation and since one particular community has to get its chance only when its turn comes, competition will certainly be between members of the same community. By giving equal chances to people on the waiting list, the communities will not in any way be aggrieved. Till the rules were issued, people were all along under the impression that the age bar disqualification would go and that they would automatically get into Government service on account of the liberal exemptions from age-bar usually granted to such people. These difficulties have cropped up on account of the new instructions. Every applicant must, by these instructions, be below 25 years of age on the date of application. If the provision that all previous applications would stand cancelled had not been there, the necessity for this resolution would not have arisen. Applications of people who applied for posts in the past and who for no fault of theirs were not able to get any job under the Government now find their applications cancelled; as it is they have no more chance. This order has come all on a sudden; it is but proper that people who have attained the age of 25 only on the dates of application to the Board should be placed on the same footing as people who are now unfortunately above the age limit in as much as they applied to some departmental head or other before the age limit. There will not be very much heart-burning as competition will be between members of the same community. Since the order has come all on a sudden and since people have had no opportunity to adjust themselves to the changed circumstances, at least some transitory provision, say for a period of two or three years, may be made so that at last some of these people also may get a chance.

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Then, with regard to the specialists. From the list of appointments the minimum qualification prescribed therein for the post of Sanskrit Pandits is the Sanskrit Pandits' Examination of the State or Bhushana Examination; or Vidwan (Sanskrit) or Siromani examination of the University. I submit that the qualification of a Vidwan is superior to Pandits' Examination; unfortunately for one to get the Vidwan qualification it has been prescribed by the University that those who appear for the Examination must not be under the age of 25. How can they get into the Government service if the age limit is insisted upon? By this insistance, you are in a way shutting out efficient hands from entering the Government service. For both these reasons, I press this motion and hope this House will be pleased to accept it.

Mr. George Parakkal (*Narakkal*).—I second it.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—Provision has already been made in the case of persons who had held acting or temporary appointments before they attained the age of 25. There is no necessity for specific exemption in their case. In cases not coming under the above category, applications for exemption from age bar should be addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Cochin, Public and Political Department (Services), Huzur Secretariat and not to the Diwan of Cochin. Every application praying for such exemption should mention special and justifying circumstances entitling the candidate to such exemption and must be submitted along with the prescribed form of application for appointment. Exemptions will not ordinarily be granted but where, other things being equal, the particular community has to be passed over for want of a candidate within the age limit, the Board will make suitable recommendations to Government for exemption in the case of qualified candidates. As a matter of fact, in the selections recently made by the Board, the Board did recommend certain candidates for exemption and Government were pleased to grant exemption in their case. But it certainly cannot be conceded that all persons who have put in applications before they attained the age of 25 must be considered exempted from the age bar. That is not the principle accepted anywhere. The deciding point of time is the time of appointment and not the time of application.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Pallippuram*).—Sir, I rise to oppose this resolution. When this question of Staff Selection Board was brought into this House, I supported it with this view,

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namely that this House shall not in future question the appointment of such a committee or the methods they have adopted. There is no use of calling into question every kind of their action. If it does not work, it will be abolished. I don't think it is part of the legislative business to look into matters of this kind and to dictate to the Government as to what kind of rules have to be framed for entertaining their officers. This question always gives trouble, and causes disharmony in this House. And one justification for the appointment of that committee is that after that appointment this House shall not be worried with this sort of question of caste-wars and community-wars. I see the tendency is still there to call into question every action and every rule framed by this committee and I think it would be a wholesome principle of this House not to meddle with them hereafter. On this ground and principle, I oppose this motion, without entering on the merits of the question,

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃട്ടി.— സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ പിന്താങ്ങുന്നു. കൌൺസിൽ വഴി ചെയ്യേണ്ട കാര്യങ്ങളും കൌൺസിൽ വഴി നിവ്വഹിക്കേണ്ട മുമതല ഞങ്ങൾക്കുണ്ട്. ഗവമ്മെൻറിൽനിന്ന് ഒരു സ്റ്റാഫ് സിലക്ഷൻ ബോർഡു ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിനു ചില നിയമങ്ങളെല്ലാം കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടാകും.

ആവക നിയമങ്ങളെ ഭേദപ്പെടുത്തുവാൻ ഈ കൌൺസിൽ വഴിയല്ലാതെ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. സ്റ്റാഫ് സിലക്ഷൻ ബോർഡിനെപ്പറ്റി സംസാരിക്കുന്നതു ശരിയല്ലെന്നുള്ള വാദത്തോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ യോജിക്കുന്നില്ല.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—On a point of information. How long will the candidates be on the waiting list?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—They will always be there.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—In 1914 he might have applied; he might have gone to war and returned.

Mr. President.—If this resolution is accepted there will be more candidates in communities like Nayars and Brahmins. In other words, you are befooling the people, because every one will put in an application before he is 25.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃട്ടി.— ഇരുപത്തഞ്ചു വയസ്സിനു ശേഷമേ വിടാൻ പരീക്ഷയ്ക്കു ചേരുവാൻ പാടുള്ളൂ എന്നുണ്ട്.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila)*.—I am not at all convinced by the reasoning advanced by the Leader of the

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House. His reasoning does not carry us an inch further than the proceedings. The defects as the Hon'ble President pointed out is with regard to communities like the Brahmins the Nairs and a section of the Christians. Of course if you make a rule of the kind that I recommend there will be some difficulties for people below the age of 25. All the same some transitory provision may be made. I am in full agreement with the Hon'ble Member for Pallipuram when he expounded the theory that questions relating to appointments should not as a rule be raised in this House. The only difference now is that his theory has not touched in any way the arguments advanced by me for the resolution. The resolution only wants to give some direction to the Staff Selection Board as to the way in which they should select candidates. It does not create any communal disharmony. These phrases used by my Hon'ble friend are not applicable to the resolution. I have placed the facts before the House. I pray that this may not be the last word on the matter. I have confidence in the sense of justice of the Government and hope that it will not, by one stroke of the pen, go against the spirit of the resolution.

Mr. President.—Even under the old practice the date of application has nothing to do. The application should be in the standard form. It does not touch their rights at all.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—In the past, when a candidate had applied before the age of 25 and when the Heads of Departments appointed them they used to recommend them for exemption and they used to get exemption as a matter of course. But that will not be available now for a section of the applicants if these instructions are followed. It is only to point out this difficulty that I have tabled this motion. I think the Government will go again into the matter and change the proceedings. I beg leave of the House to withdraw the Resolution.

Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

3. Development of Public Libraries in the State.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—"*This Council recommends to Government that for the next five years the policy of granting increased amounts for Collegiate education should be stopped and instead more and more libraries should be started and developed.*"

So far as I am concerned, I think, it is a very important Resolution and requires very serious consideration. Our Maharajah's College has developed very much. Every year we are

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